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## Removal of Convention Restrictions

We are glad to announce that the restrictions which had been imposed against the use of public facilities for delegates in excess of 50 travelling to conventions, have been removed.

Our delegates will therefore be able to make use of Railway, Bus or Airlines in order to get to the Convention which will be held at the Masonic Temple in Edmonton, November 27 - 30, 1945.



# Farm Women's Corner

## OPEN FORUM

I am sending you this letter as I thought it would do everyone good to read it. Please put it in your valuable paper. — Mrs. Wm. Aasland, Balantyne.

"It is a glorious day, really bright, clear and not too warm. The maples shimmer and ripple in the breeze and the birds flit here and there. Their song is always cheery. They must get tired, and yet they never tell the world about it (or do they?)

I am coming for help. Please give us all the short cuts you can through the page to lighten and shorten your duties while you have visitors. The last two weeks saw me tuck away 17 overnight guests and every one of them the salt of the earth. People must be my hobby for I enjoyed every one of them and today's mail brought a "thank-you" note from Saskatchewan from a pretty bride and a happy groom; another card from a happy-go-lucky teen-ager in Ontario; such a nice letter from an overseas boy who couldn't go home for his embarkation leave to the Far East. so he came to the farm; last but not least, a letter from one of my own girls in which she says: "Being away has shown me I have the best mother and dad any girl ever had."

How I hated to see our last girl start out on her own career. I needed her so at home. but it would seem I was right to let her go.

Six-thirty this morning saw my first machine full of clothes on the line; 1.30 p.m. saw the last. Then dinner for five men, the usual cream separator, milk pails, etc. Now, Mrs. 45, please tell me and hundreds like me "how to keep from being tired though a farmer's wife."

Jane Dale, I enjoyed your report on the W. I. meeting. Some day I hope to live near enough to a W.I. centre so I, too, can be a member.

My husband was called before the income tax assessor. He found that out of my \$600 must come the household help wages. A girl for seven months at \$35 a month means \$245. Then count at least \$15 for board which means \$105. Now if there is to be any improvements or essentials in the farm home (or for that matter, I expect the town home also) it must come out of the remaining \$150. Are the homes of Canada so modern that they need no improving?

Have you heard the proverb, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world?" If she did rule the world, the income tax would allow for hired help in the house as well as out of doors. Do you know that the greatest percent-

age of farm wives help milk the cows, look after and raise turkeys and chickens and do the gardening? Do you know that in our district, not one farmer's daughter is on the farm?

Only one farmer has increased the farm herd while the rest of the two districts near us have cut their milch herd in half in most cases. Oh yes! there is a shortage of butter and see if that doesn't date back to the first fall the income tax assessor called the farmers on the carpet. We were working up until 18 hours a day, from 5 a.m. until dark. The assessor said \$200 was not enough to allow for produce raised on the farm and consumed on the farm (mother's work.)

If junior sold a calf, it was his father's calf. The assessor said so. Junior wants to join the navy. He doesn't see much adventure on the farm.

Then milk, cream, eggs, fowl are all farm receipts to be taxed. Mother decided she is listed as housewife and housewife she is going to be. Dad put the calves on the cows. Last week we shipped a 300-pound suckling calf and got \$20.

Have you ever heard the world say, "You certainly are lucky to be on a farm. You are your own boss. Lots of thick cream, butter, meat and eggs!"

A few lines as a Contribution to "Farm Women's Corner — and with inspiration far different — when the World War was at its peak.

Now we are filled with Thanksgiving that Peace once more prevails and the loss of young lives has ceased. Our joy is next to tears for the Mothers whose sons will not come back.

One would expect that once the war was over — Contentment and self-assurance would reign in the hearts of everyone — after the whole world suffered. Yet it is not the case.

Now-a-days we also had to cope with the Government with the set-up of rationing of meat. But thanks to the earnest stand the retailers of meat took in the situation, and we can feel proud of our Farmers' Union when a meeting of Butchers was addressed by our Secretary — and the open statements he made. Co-operation on the part of farm organizations — other organizations and meat retailers can save the population of Canada needless extra work and expense when labor is so congested.

Although thousands of our boys are now



returning to civil life still there seems to be a shortage of a decent living derived from the Packing Plants where meat is processed for the starving conquered Nations. There would be no shortage of prime beef in the country — if a decent price was guaranteed to farmers for the best type of beef cattle; then the inferior type could be kept down to the minimum — where the prices are amazingly cut and grading low — consequently causing more time and expense for processing.

That is not only for our men-folk to consider but we Ladies as well, so let us consider it.

The grading of eggs recently seem very discouraging to the farmers' wife. Although the increased price for export eggs came into effect at 35c per dozen, still we get less cash for our cases than we did when eggs were 28c. per dozen. Quite a few farmers' wives in our Locality have commented on the dissatisfaction of the returns, and hope for a better understanding in the matter. Let us Farm Women iron out our grievances in the proper manner and join the Union so we can bring our resolutions even on eggs to the proper channels and hope for better results.

Snow on the 20th September quicken our extra steps for the welfare of our flock — extra feeding and better housing so let that be food for our thoughts.

Just a Member No. 258.

### Mother Shipton's Poem

sent in by Mrs. J. Geddes

A carriage without a horse shall go,  
 Disaster fill the world with woe  
 In London Primrose Hill shall be;  
 Its centre hold a Bishop's See.  
 Around the world men's thoughts shall fly  
 Quick as the twinkling of an eye  
 And water shall great wonders do—  
 How strange, and yet it shall some true;  
 Thro' Towing hills proud men shall ride  
 No horse or ass move by his side.  
 Beneath the water men shall walk;  
 Shall ride, shall sleep, shall even talk;  
 And in the air men shall be seen,  
 In white, in black, as well as green.  
 A great man then shall come and go  
 For prophecy declares it so.  
 In water iron then shall float  
 As easy as a wooden boat;  
 Gold shall be found in streams or stone,  
 In land that is as yet unknown.  
 Water and fire shall wonders do,  
 And England shall admit a Jew,  
 The Jew that once was held in scorn  
 Shall of a Christian then be born.  
 A home of glass shall come to pass  
 In England — but alas!

A war shall follow with the work  
 Where dwells the pagan and the Turk  
 The States will lock in fiercest strife,  
 And seek to take each others life;  
 When north shall thus divide the south,  
 The eagle build in lion's mouth.

Then tax and blood and cruel war  
 Shall come to every humble door.  
 Three times shall lovely, sunny France,  
 Be led to play a bloody dance,  
 Before the people shall be free.

Three tyrant rulers shall she see;  
 Three rulers in succession, be—  
 Each sprung from different dynasty.  
 Then, when the fiercest fight is done,  
 England and France shall be one.

The British olive then shall twine  
 In marriage with the German vine.

Men walk beneath and over streams—  
 Fulfilled shall be our strangest dreams.  
 All England's sons shall plow the land  
 Shall oft be seen with book in hand.

The poor shall now most wisdom know,  
 And water, wind, where corn doth grow,  
 Great houses stand with farflung vale,  
 All covered o'er with snow and hail.

And now a word of uncouth rhyme  
 Of what shall be in future time;  
 For, in those wondrous far off days,

The women shall adopt a craze  
 To dress like men and trousers wear,  
 And cut off all their locks of hair.  
 They'll ride astride with brazen brow,  
 As witches do on broomsticks now.  
 Then love shall die and marriage cease,  
 And nations wane as babes decrease.  
 And wives shall fondle cats and dogs  
 And men live the same as hogs.

In Nineteen-Hundred Thirty-Six,  
 Build houses light with straw and sticks.  
 For then shall mighty wars be planned,  
 And fire and sword shall sweep the land.  
 But those who live the century through  
 In fear and trembling this shall do.  
 Flee to the mountains and the dens,  
 To bog and forest and wild fens —  
 For storms shall rage and oceans roar  
 When Gabriel stands on sea and shore;  
 And as he blows his wondrous horn,  
 Old worlds shall die and new be born.

This 200 Years Old, Forecast Upheavals of  
 last few years, Correct to the last line, it ap-  
 pears.

My Mother Has often been to the place  
 where 'Mother Shipton' lived; visited the cave  
 in which she lived at the bottom of a place  
 known as 'Crag Top' near Harrowgate, York-  
 shire, England.

## District Eleven Convention

The third Annual Convention of District Eleven was held at Cereal on August 2, 1945. The Convention was opened by District President R. Denney.

Mr. R. Denney and Mr. C. H. Hoy were chosen as chairmen for the Convention, and Mrs. E. MacAulay as Convention secretary.

The minutes of the last Annual Convention and the financial statement were read by the secretary and adopted.

The Resolution Committee consisted of Mr. David L. Porteous, Mr. J. Polson and Mr. V. Deleff.

The Credential report was that there were forty-five delegates in attendance.

In the District Director's Report, Mr. Kropinske mentioned that there were about 700 members from 17 locals in District 11.

The Director's Report was followed by the President's Report. Interesting questions and discussions followed each of the above reports.

Mr. H. E. Nichols was guest speaker from Head Office. His talk covered many items of interest to all members. The hearty applause given when Mr. Denney moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Nichols was proof of the enjoyment and appreciation of the Convention.

When time came for the election of District Officers, it was moved by Mr. A. Burk, seconded by Mr. P. Panoff, that we re-elect the present board of officers. Motion carried.

This is the third term for each of the district officials who are as follows:

District Director — Mr. G. Kropinske.

President — Mr. R. Denney.

Vice-President — Mr. E. Wade.

Secretary — Mrs. E. MacAuley, phone R 812.

It was moved by Mr. Toal and seconded by Mr. Zender, that the decision of the place of the next Convention be left to the District Executive. Motion carried.

Then resolutions were dealt with until supper time, and continued again for two hours in the evening session.

The following are the resolutions passed by District 11 Convention:

### 1. Re amendment to By-law No. 1.

This Association shall be non-political and any officer shall cease to hold office immediately he becomes a candidate for, an officer of, an organizer for, or a public speaker for, any political party. Moved by Mr. G. Kropinske, seconded by Mr. D. Porteous. Carried.

### 2. Re Parity Prices

WHEREAS the chief objective of this Union is to obtain Parity Prices for farm products and the experience gained during the second World

War prove that satisfactory prices can be obtained for farm products on a national scale while at the same time we can donate three billion dollars worth of life sustaining food and materials to Great Britain and our Allies (and also several billion dollars worth of life destructive materials to our enemies) free of charge,

THEREFORE be it resolved we demand that the Dominion Government make the necessary financial arrangements so that parity prices shall be paid for all Canadian farm products as a permanent policy, whether the goods are consumed in Canada or exported abroad.

Moved by Mr. G. Kropinske, seconded by Mr. M. P. Panoff. Carried.

### 3. Re Hail Insurance

WHEREAS rates of policies are increasing and rates of compensation are decreasing in the hail insurance.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention demand a compensation equal to the loss.

Moved by Mr. V. Deleff. Mr. R. Bell. Carried.

### 4. Re Livestock Prices

WHEREAS extreme drought prevails in the largest part of the West;

WHEREAS continual strike conditions prevail at packing houses;

WHEREAS a large number of farmers will be forced to sell cattle because of hauled feed,

We request that the U.S. cattle market be opened to Canadian cattle to prevent a drop of prices.

Moved by Mr. P. Panoff, seconded by Mr. J. Polson. Carried.

### 5. Re Price of Hogs

WE RESOLVE that \$21.00 per 100 for hogs at the rail is a fair price.

Moved by Mr. E. Wereschagin, seconded by Mr. Hewsen. Carried.

### 6. Re Delegates to District Conventions

That delegates be chosen at a representation of one to ten members for the district convention.

Moved by Mr. P. Marshall, seconded by Mr. A. Burk. Carried.

### 7. Re Amendment to Constitution

That delegates to Provincial Conventions be chosen at the rate of one for every twenty members.

Moved by Mr. G. Kropinske, seconded by Mr. R. Denney. Carried.

### 8. Re Mr. Nichols broadcast

Moved by Mr. A. Burke, seconded by Mr. P. Marshall, that Mr. Nichols be returned to radio broadcasts. Carried.

### 9. Re Broadcasting stations

In view of the high prices charged for broadcasting by the C. B. C. and the amount of money



spent by Wheat Pool and farm organizations,

BE IT RESOLVED that all producer organizations go together and raise the money for our own broadcasting station. We ask our executive to undertake the necessary steps.

Moved by Mr. A. Burk, seconded by Mr. P. Marshall. Carried.

#### 10. Re Pension Homes

WHEREAS governments will again have to face a time of unemployment,

BE IT RESOLVED that the age for pension be set low enough to ensure work for all young people,

AND that family homes be built for the pensioned people free of rent,

AND that pension be \$50.00 per month at present values.

Moved by Mr. A. Burk, seconded by Mr. W. Foster. Carried.

#### 11 Re Feed Situation in Drought Areas

WHEREAS the present widespread drought has created a serious feed and pasture situation,

WE ask that Dominion and Provincial Gov'ts. take immediate action to alleviate the situation by providing transportation for cattle to areas where feed is available.

Moved by Mr. C. H. Hoy, seconded by Mr. G. M. Hewson. Carried.

#### 12 Re Veteran's Land Act

WHEREAS the Veteran's Land Act administration appears reluctant to assist Veterans to purchase land in this and certain other districts,

AND WHEREAS the Veterans from these areas prefer to settle in their home districts.

WE DEMAND that the Veteran's Land Act administration change their policy in regard to these districts.

Moved by Mr. Hewson, seconded by Mr. McCully. Carried.

#### 13. Re Imperial Lease

WHEREAS the so-called Imperial Lease, located in townships 33 and 34 in ranges 18 and 19 is not at present utilized to its possible extent,

WE ASK that the Dept. of Land and Mines investigate this lease with a view to making the arable portion available to war veterans for settlement, and establish a community pasture on the remainder.

Moved by Mr. C. E. Hudgeon, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hoy. Carried.

#### 14. Re Meat Rationing

WHEREAS meat is to be put on ration list again and,

WHEREAS there is every indication of a real glut of cattle on market this fall,

AND WHEREAS meat rationing has been admitted a failure in the past,

THEREFORE be it resolved that this Con-

vention go on record opposing meat rationing at this time.

Moved by Mr. H. Sortland, seconded by Mr. S. Lindsay. Carried.

#### 15. Re Sugar Rationing

WHEREAS sugar has been rationed for a long time because of an alleged shortage,

AND WHEREAS many acres of sugar beets have been kept out of production, or otherwise withheld,

AND WHEREAS the reasons given for said sugar shortage do not satisfy but only aggravate the people,

THEREFORE we are opposed to such restriction and demand that measures be taken to speed up production and distribution of sugar.

Moved by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. H. Sortland. Carried.

#### 16. Re Support of C.C.I.L.

WHEREAS the price of farm machinery is too high in relation to what the farmer receives for his produce,

WHEREAS we believe that farm machinery must be handled on a co-operative basis to bring about a reduction in cost,

WHEREAS the C.C.I.L. is establishing itself for this purpose,

AND WHEREAS our Annual Provincial Convention has endorsed the C.C.I.L.'s policies,

THEREFORE be it resolved that all A.F.U. locals give C.C.I.L. their full support.

Moved by Mr. Toal, seconded by Mr. P. Panoff. Carried.

#### 17. Re Exclusion of Matters of Dissention

WHEREAS the chief reason for the formation of the A.F.U. is to obtain Parity Prices for farm products by direct Union action and

WHEREAS our members are all united on this matter

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Union devote its entire energies to obtaining Parity Prices and exclude all other matters which tend to cause dissention among our members.

Moved by Mr. Toal, seconded by Mr. P. Reinbold. Carried.

#### 18. Re Leases

WHEREAS the farmers in this and other districts have not any guarantee of continued fair prices for their livestock

WHEREAS the grazing leases are unevenly distributed, especially to quality

WHEREAS our leases only support a limited number of cattle,

WHEREAS it never pays to overgraze any lease whatever in this part of the country

WHEREAS raising prices of yearly rental will indirectly cause inflation

THEREFORE be it resolved that this Convention go on record as demanding that the

Special Areas reconsider the raise in yearly rentals and, that, in our district, the Directors take this matter up with the Central Executive and the necessary Government agencies.

Moved by Mr. P. Panoff, seconded by Mr. W. Foster. Carried.

#### 19. Re Highway, No. 12.

WHEREAS work has commenced on a hospital in Consort

WHEREAS great distances and adverse weather invariably prevails

WHEREAS no reasonable train service exists

THEREFORE be it resolved that all Union members insist on completion of Highway No. 12.

Moved by Mr. Toal, seconded by Mr. P. Panoff. Carried.

#### 20. Re Long Term Leases

WHEREAS the Land Tenure Act of Alberta states that persons having a beneficial interest in lands may be granted long term leases

WHEREAS there are cases where farmers have had land leased from private owners for twenty years or more, having paid them a quarter share of crops, but the owners neglected to pay taxes on land so that lands reverted to the government, and

WHEREAS lands have been purchased for as low as \$10.00 with hundreds of dollars of taxes against them and new owners have been granted long term leases,

THEREFORE be it resolved that when farmers have had lands rented for ten years or more, and can prove that they are permanent residents, that they be granted long term leases when government takes over lands.

Moved by Mr. E. Wade, seconded by Mr. W. Foster. Carried.

#### 21. Re Competition for Railways

In order to provide competition with the railway companies so as to insure reasonable freight rates we request the Dominion Government to build an all weather highway from Winnipeg to Edmonton via Calgary, capable of carrying 20 ton trucks, this work to be done as some recognition for the alienation of thirty-five million acres of western farm lands to pay the cost of railway construction in points outside the three prairie provinces.

Moved by Mr. J. Skinner, seconded by Mr. P. Panoff. Carried.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

As there is a serious threat of a strike by the packing plant workers in the near future, we suggest to all farmers who will not be able to hold their cattle for any considerable length of time to ship them in immediately; so as not to run the risk of congested receiving facilities if wintry weather begins.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### OPEN FORUM

(The opinions expressed are those of our readers and not the official view of the Union).

High River, Alberta,  
September 21st, 1945.

The Editor,  
A.F.U. Bulletin.

Dear Sir:

Would you give me space in the next issue for the following letter?

In the September issue, sister "E" in the Farm Women's Corner asks the question "Why doesn't the A.F.U. and the U.F.A. amalgamate?" She states further, "I wish some competent person would explain the difference between the two organizations then we could approach the subject intelligently," etc.

Mr. Geo. Church, President of the U.F.A. gave an address at Wetaskiwan on June 26th, also reported in the September issue in which he stressed the need of Alberta's two major organizations the U.F.A. and the A.F.U. be amalgamated into one strong Farmers Organization as the two bodies are striving for the same objectives; he did not see why this cannot be accomplished.

As a member of the U.F.A. for the past 25 years and a member of the A.F.U. and a paid up shareholder in no less than 6 Co-ops in Alberta, I wish to make the following proposals so that we may have time to think out a plan before our next Annual Convention which is to be held during the last four days of November.

Fraternally Yours.

W. H. Childress,  
President District No. 12, A.F.U.  
HIGH RIVER, Alberta.

### ALBERTA FARMERS UNITING RANKS

An unprecedented move is now on foot to bring about the amalgamation of all farm bodies across Canada under the name of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture with head office in Ottawa. At present all farm bodies such as the Alberta Farmers' Union, United Farmers of Alberta, United Farmers of Canada, Wheat Pools, United Grain Growers — in fact all farm co-operatives across Canada — are affiliated to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Each such organization in Alberta pays a per capita tax to the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, who in turn pay in to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

In Alberta it is proposed to drop the names of the Alberta Farmers' Union, United Farmers of Alberta, and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and amalgamate all three farm bodies

under the name of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and take out a charter under the Societies Act of the Province. In this way all the co-operatives such as the Wheat Pool, United Grain Growers, Dairy Pools, etc., could then affiliate to the new Alberta Federation of Agriculture without change in their present charter, the Alberta Co-operative Marketing Act.

You will note I have mentioned the Societies Act and the co-operative Marketing Act. These Acts are entirely different and no farm body can operate under both Acts at the same time. They either must operate under one or the other Act. The ONLY exception at the present time is the United Farmers of Alberta, who, as every farmer knows, is an education and protective organization carrying on a co-operative commercial business in Alberta under a SPECIAL ACT ISSUED BY THE OLD UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA GOVERNMENT.

The Alberta Farmers' Union is an education and protective organization operating under the Societies Act of 1924.

The above would suggest that the United Farmers of Alberta is an illegal body, and further, that the Alberta Farmers' Union is handicapped to the extent that it cannot operate co-operatives but must stick to the letter of the Societies Act of Alberta. True the Alberta Farmers' Union issue a political action program but is non political as its by-laws state. I will not go into this angle only to say that our ultimate objectives are:

1. Parity Price, 2. Adequate markets, 3. Revision of Income Taxes, 4. Freight rate revision, 5. Education, health and recreation.

The Alberta Farmers' Union is working for affiliation with the trade unions, which in my opinion is most essential. Our Board has sent a representative to meet with the Edmonton Labor Council and other labor bodies across Canada. If we farmers can bring about the amalgamation of the various farm bodies across Canada, as I have already suggested, then for the first time in our history we will be able to go places. We could then speak with one voice, regardless of race, religion or politics.

Then, by affiliating with the trade unions across Canada, the Canadian Legion, and other groups, we would be able to bring about a prosperous Canada to help keep the peace.

Fraternally yours.

W. H. Childress,  
President District No. 12, A.F.U.  
HIGH RIVER, Alberta.

### CORRECTION

The report of the synopsis of executive meeting on page 10 of the Sept. issue stated the year as 1941. This should be 1945 of course.

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## Editorial

Two matters of great importance to farmers have happened recently, — the imposition of rationing by the War Time Prices and Trade Board and the proposal by the Dominion Govt. to guarantee a floor price for wheat of \$1.00 per bushel basis No. 1 Fort William, for the next five years.

The Alberta Farmers' Union has given statements to the Press regarding the attitude of the Union and these statements have not always been published in full.

For the benefit of our members the following is the full statement issued by the Union and sent to the members of the Cabinet and also the leaders of the other parties setting out our argument for the price of wheat to be maintained at present levels, until a proper basis for Parity Prices is agreed upon. Copies have also been sent to the C.F.A., the A.F.A., the U.F.A., the Alberta Wheat Pool and the U.F.C. (Saskatchewan Section).

### STATEMENT BY ALBERTA FARMERS' UNION

#### RE: GUARANTEED WHEAT PRICES AND MEAT RATIONING

The statement issued by the Hon. Jas. A. MacKinnon on behalf of the Government that wheat producers will receive a guaranteed price for five years is welcome news.

If there are no restrictive quotas to limit the farmers' income to unduly low levels we feel the farmers will be satisfied with a very moderate price.

We think the price we are receiving NOW is about right in its relation to other price levels. However, the price mentioned by Mr. MacKinnon of \$1.00 per bushel, basis No. 1 in store Fort William, will only net the producers about 80c on the average for No. 1, and a large quantity of wheat raised in Alberta only grades 2 or 3, which will give net returns of 75c or less. Most of our farmers will receive about \$1.10 at their

home points this year and when the difference in income is figured on total amount of 300 million bushels, it represents the considerable sum of 100 millions of dollars. This is a lot of money to be separated from and will decrease the farmers' purchasing power by that amount.

### Parity Must Be Maintained

There should be a corresponding reduction in the price levels of all those things which enter into farm production costs, machinery, labor, taxes, etc., if the farmers are to continue to be customers of other Canadian industries.

If not, then the farmer will have to bear the loss alone; but he will not be able to buy so much and the consequence will be stagnation in business followed by unemployment.

If the National Income is to be maintained the farmers must have share in it and the power of the Bank of Canada should be utilized to issue Financial Credit so as to maintain the farmers' purchasing power in accordance with their production. If this is done we can export our surplus wheat to all those in need and accept imports from them in exchange.

Contrary to the idea held by some we do not believe that the only place the Government can obtain money is from the pockets of the taxpayers. No, we believe it is the job for the Bank of Canada to produce the money just as it is the farmers' job to produce the wheat and if both jobs are performed equally well, there will be enough money to pay a fair price to the farmers for all the wheat they can produce.

We think the idea expressed by Mr. MacKinnon of supplying the wants of our Allies at a reasonable price is very commendable and wish to point out that in order to do this and at the same time NOT penalize the farmers, the powers of the Bank of Canada must be utilized in the way in which Prime Minister Mackenzie King stated they would be, namely

"To Issue Public Credit in Terms of Public Need."

If this is done Canadian farmers can be given a Floor Price of \$1.25 for every bushel they can grow and International Trade can be carried on Freely.

### Financial Clash Inevitable

The complications which are already arising in connection with international monetary arrangements for post-war trade should guarantee favourable consideration for any proposal which will enable us to avoid these.

The jockeying for positions of supremacy for both the "Dollar Bloc" and the "Sterling Bloc" in competition for European markets espe-



cially can only have one end,—an economic war.

We would call to your recollection the fact that under the orthodox system the Foreign Trade of the United States has cost them billions of dollars in the past twenty years.

They granted financial credits to Germany and then produced and exported goods up to the extent of these financial credits in order to provide employment and market for United States workers. In effect they GAVE this production away.

At present Britain must have raw materials if she is to keep her factories going. She relies on her export of manufactured goods to restore her trading stability. But United States is also negotiating to grant "credits" on the gold-backed dollar basis to those nations which Britain wishes to keep within the "sterling" bloc.

### Trade On a Trading Basis

The only solution, and it is also a satisfactory one, will be to conduct international trade on an "exchange of goods" basis. The technique must be to pay all Canadian producers a Parity Price by a draft on the Bank of Canada and then export the goods in exchange for other goods, ignoring world prices unless they are in conformity with our own. The imports can then be priced according to Canadian prices and our people will already have the money with which to purchase the imports. These imports can then be priced so as to repay the Bank of Canada.

There is no reason why under such an arrangement the Canadian farmers cannot be paid a floor price of \$1.25 per bushel for every bushel they can raise. This should be done without any increase in taxation of the Canadian people.

In our view the floor price for wheat should be maintained at \$1.25 per bushel basis No. 1, F.O.B. Fort William for the next five years as experience has shown that this price bears a reasonable relationship to other articles which enter into the cost of farm production.

### Parity Prices Mean Prosperity

In addition there must be no restrictive quotas imposed which will cut down the farmers income so that he will not be an effective customer for other industries. The proposed price of \$1.00 basis No. 1, F.O.B. Fort William, will only net average Alberta farmer 75c or less. Most of our farmers will receive about \$1.10 at their home points this year and the difference in income on 300 million bushels amounts to 100 million dollars. This means a reduction in purchasing power to that extent;—purchasing power which it is essential to have in circulation if we are to have the prosperous post war period

this Government has pledged. Wheat at \$1.10, F.O.B. Fort William will not maintain the present standard of living neither will it maintain the farmers share of the National Income.

In spite of the arguments which were raised against increasing the price of wheat to its present level on the score that the country could not afford it and also that it would cause inflation, we are all witnesses of the fact that wheat at \$1.25 has been largely responsible for restoring prosperity to Agriculture and also to the whole of Canada.

The proposed reduction has every indication of being the precursor to a lower price level which may well be disastrous for Canada as experience shows that both agriculture and industry are more prosperous under comparatively higher price levels than they are under low price levels.

With regard to the question of selling our wheat to nations which are not in a position to pay us a fair Canadian price or in fact any price at all for some years, it is proposed to extend credits to these nations with interest rates and terms of repayment over a period of perhaps 50 years. We submit our plan to exchange exports for imports is far superior and a settlement can be made each year without interest bearing debt.

### MEAT RATIONING

Now that the policy followed by the Canadian Government towards the livestock industry has led to the apparent necessity for meat rationing, we must be content to put up with it as a temporary measure but wish to urge in the strongest possible terms that rationing is no solution for the present meat shortage.

This has been brought about by the short-sighted policy of the Canadian Government, firstly with regard to hogs.

On October 28th, 1943, we wrote Mr. Gardiner as follows:

"If a drastic reduction in hogs from Alberta is what the Government wants the policy they are now following is the right way to get it and we consider it our duty to make this fact so plain to you that there shall be no possibility of being misunderstood; because yours is the responsibility."

Had the necessary raise in price which was requested by the Alberta Farmers' Union been granted together with an adjustment of the bonus on oats and barley so that all farmers were paid this bonus on their grain whether they sold it to the elevators or fed it to livestock, no reduction in hogs would have taken place in Alberta and a sufficient quantity of bacon would now be available for Britain and other necessitous people overseas.

## Rationing No Solution

With regard to cattle, Canada has plenty at present and if the Government will guarantee that it will be profitable for farmers to feed the present cattle into butcher beef by seeing that the feed is available to them or else transport the cattle to the feed, the farmers will respond in a way that will make large supplies of beef available.

The present system of rationing is unnecessarily onerous on the meat retail trade and also farmer consumers because it was introduced at harvest and threshing time. Had it been delayed for about two months these restrictions would not have been so hampering and in addition a more ready market would have been available for the heavy supplies coming forward.

If rationing causes less demand and this results in unfinished cattle being sold at sacrifice prices, the final net result will be a reduction in cattle herds. This will necessitate even more severe rationing in the future.

Rationing not only tends to restrict consumption but it also discourages production and the real solution to this problem is the encouragement of plentiful production which would soon make rationing unnecessary.

## Inflation

The Government has said the best way to combat "inflation" is by the plentiful production of consumer goods and we agree with this. What is needed is a bold policy for increased production of both pork and beef and if the Government will do its part by guaranteeing the farmer a remunerative price, the farmer can be depended upon to guarantee there will be no need for meat rationing in Canada, nor any shortage for shipments abroad.

We regard the statement that "Canada should not become a quitter" in supplying her share of supplies, reported to have been made by the Hon. J. L. Ilsley as a distinct and unjustified slur on the farmers. As far as we can see, the records show that had it not been for the insistence of farmer organizations for remunerative prices, Canadian Agricultural production would have dropped to very dangerous levels.

These demands were always resisted by Mr. Ilsley either on the plea that the country could not afford it or that higher prices would lead to "inflation" both of which excuses have been proven wrong.

If lower production implies that Canada is a quitter, the farmers of the West will have no difficulty in pinning the main responsibility for such a policy on Mr. Ilsley himself.

H. E. NICHOLS,  
General Secretary,  
Alberta Farmers' Union.

## STATEMENT BY A. F. U. RE GUARANTEED WHEAT PRICES AND MEAT RATIONING

### Before City Council

Secretary H. E. Nichols of the A.F.U. and Wm. Young, President of the Retail Butchers appeared before the Edmonton City Council on September 13, and following their representations, the city council passed the following resolution unanimously:

"The Government was asked to study the initiating of a policy of livestock production and control of the meat processing industry to provide the Canadian people with such a supply of meat as will make rationing unnecessary, without reducing commitments to supply the needy peoples of the world".

The resolution was sent to the Prime Minister, to Hon. J. A. MacKinnon and the leaders of all political parties in both houses of Parliament.

### Necessity Doubted

Mr. Nichols told Council he was presenting the views on meat rationing expressed at a joint meeting of executive officers of the U.F.A. and the A.F.U. held in Edmonton on September 6, and said these organizations were not opposed to rationing if it was necessary, but they doubted that necessity in the light of conditions prevailing in the livestock industry. He said they opposed the present system of rationing because it interfered to a marked degree with the conducting of the retail meat business and caused annoyance and even hardship to the consumer and also was prejudicial to the producer.

### Open United States Market

The executives of both organizations viewed with great concern the seriousness of the livestock situation in Western Canada and wished again to urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity of approaching the United States Government for the purpose of permitting shipments of Canadian cattle and sheep to the American market in sufficient numbers to relieve the pressure on the Canadian market.

It was believed that such action was necessary for these reasons: Western Canada has the largest population of cattle on record, and large numbers must be marketed this fall. Packing plant facilities are estimated at 40,000 head per week. Last week's slaughterings were 37,000 head, and the heavy run of cattle had not yet started.

From this it is apparent that the packing plants will not be able to handle the peak loads. This will cause undue hardships on the producer through depressed prices, unless he has an alternative market, as there is not likely to be any relation between floor prices and live cattle unless there is an element of competition from other markets.



The feed condition in Alberta is very serious in certain sections and will result in marketing of unfinished cattle unless assurance is given that satisfactory prices will be maintained to encourage producers to take cattle from the poor feed areas for finishing, thus making a greater poundage of meat available to meet world needs.

### Ration Unnecessary

Mr. Nichols said that had the Dominion Government followed a policy designed to encourage greater production, meat rationing of any kind would have been unnecessary. The present regulations are now forced on the people because of the short-sighted policy which the Government has followed for the past two years.

He went on to say that Alberta's cattle population was 4% above the 1944 level and 25% over that of 1939. Hog marketings had declined this year to 42% below last year's figures. He said that instead of a policy of restriction the Dominion Government should adopt a bold policy of increased production, especially for hogs.

### Meat Dealers Ask Ottawa to Delay Ration Two Months

Edmonton's retail meat dealers and butchers, opposed the present form of meat rationing in a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. Thursday, September 21. Text of resolution endorsed by the meeting and introduced by H. E. Nichols, Secy, A.F.U. is as follows:

"We call upon the Government to rescind the present policy of meat rationing immediately, and to delay all meat rationing for two months in order to give time for the supply situation to be clarified. Failing this we will clear out our supplies and close our shops September 24."

### NOTICE

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## District No. 5 Annual Convention

Held at Onoway, July 10th, 1945.

Chairman of the meeting Mr. W. E. Wilson;  
Assistants Mr. Washburn and Mr. C. Fuhr.  
Secretary of meeting Mrs. Geddes;  
Assistants Mr. Seeley and Mr. Froble.

Credential Committee Mrs. Bilton; Mr. C. Propp; and Mr. H. Schallenger.

Resolutions Committee and Order of Business Committee:

R. Brown; Ed. Kuhl; L. Golby; Mr. McEachren; Mrs. Olson.

President's report: — urged us all to try for increased membership so as to strengthen our own organization as there is certainly need of Parity Prices.

Secretary's report: — Sub-district No. 5 has been organized in some parts, with hope of completion soon. Financial Statement was accepted by C. D. Fuhr and R. Rose. Carried.

A suggestion was made that in future the financial report be itemized. Carried.

The Sub-directors then gave their report:

Mr. Schatzke for Sub-district No. 1; Mr. Elliott for Sub-district No. 2; Mr. Seeley for Sub-district No. 3; Dr. Millar for Sub-district No. 4, as Mr. Hertel was absent; and Mr. M. Mazeppa for Sub-district No. 5.

Mr. Washburn was in the chair in the afternoon.

Resolution No. 1 re Compulsory Membership was sent back to resolution committee to re-draft.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2 re Bonds was tabled by W. P. Millar and J. W. Millar. Carried.

Resolution No. 34 re Weeds. Moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Horvard. Carried.

Resolution No. 27 re This District engaging an organizer, sent in by Head Office, moved by M. Mazeppa and seconded by R. Rose. Lost.

Resolution No. 1 re-draft. Carried.

Resolution No. 27b re District collection of fees from No. 337. Moved by J. W. Millar and Mr. McGinnis. Carried.

Resolution No. 4 re The endorsation of True Co-ops. Dealt with at all sub-district rallies. Moved by Mazeppa and Kuhl. Carried.

### Director's Report:

(Mr. G. Bevington) Explained the set-up of the A.F.U. also the district set-up. Gave a resume of his activities for the past year, as our Director. Mr. Bevington explained the controversy in the executive and Board of Directors meeting as regards to the C.C.I.L favoring the pressing of the "Farmers Action Programme" instead of endorsing C.C.I.L. and Co-ops in special. He also told of the meeting at Stony Plain in April, and the demand by the Central Board of Executive for his resignation, giving his reason for not

doing as asked, leaving decision to the Onoway Convention.

Moved by W. E. Wilson and R. Rose that postponement of election of officers until we hear Mr. Logan on the above matter. Agreed.

We heard from Mr. Logan, that the Constitution of the A.F.U. is not sacred, but a pliable instrument to be changed as needed. Mr. W. Logan gave extracts as supplied to him by other Directors, re the asking for the resignation of G. Bevington. He said final judgement in the matter rests with this meeting.

Mr. Young was at this meeting also, with intention to set this argument on high plane, considering the welfare of the A.F.U. before any single person. He pointed out that not only the discussion on C.C.I.L. was reached by convention alone, but numerous other important decisions as well. Motion re C.C.I.L. originally came from the Board of Directors.

Mr. McGowan was then asked to speak to the Convention. He explained the difference mentioned previously, also explained the reason for resigning as our Third Vice-President of the Central Executive. Mr. McGowan read a letter of explanation to the A.F.U. Bulletin.

The meeting agreed to give Mr. Bevington five minutes to re-state his points. Agreed.

Moved by H. H. Schallenberger and Mr. Palmer an amendment to give Mr. Bevington all the time needed. As amended. Carried.

After the letter from the A.F.U. Lawyer was read, telling of the Board being justified in asking Mr. Bevington to resign without a charge, (the Constitution doesn't call for one). The letter further recommended the drafting of a new Constitution as the present one is not satisfactory and the cause of the present dispute.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

C. D. Fuhr elected as Director.

G. Bevington elected as President.

Chas. Seeley elected as Vice-President.

Resolution No. 23 re membership. Moved by Mr. Fuhr and R. Rose that resolution be tabled. Carried.

Resolution No. 4 moved by E. Kuhl and Mr. Dennington, we substitute resolution, moved by W. E. Wilson and O. Schatzke. Resolution No. 4a re the duty and power of Central Executive and Board of Directors.

Amended by R. Rose and Dr. Millar that a committee of two of the Board of Directors, two of the Central Executive and one independent member be elected on the committee. As amended. Carried.

Moved by J. Millar and R. Rose that resolution No. 4 be tabled. Lost.

Resolution No. 4 as amended. Carried.

Mr. Wilson in chair.

Resolution No. 36 re Hog Prices and Feed Grain. Moved by M. Coural and Van Hock. Car-

ried.

Resolution No. 15. Lost.

Resolution No. 20 re Condemnation Insurance. Carried.

Resolution No. 2 re Central Board Buying Bonds. Moved by Froble and Mazeppa. Carried.

Resolution No. 10 re Directing farmers where to apply for membership. Moved by M. Coural and R. Brown. Carried.

Report of Credential Committee:

Present 71 delegates and 24 locals.

Discussion on collection of membership fees followed.

Mr. C. D. Fuhr in the chair.

Motion by Dr. Millar and H. Schallenberger that our next Annual District No. 5 Convention be held the first week in July. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Millar and J. Millar that the next Convention be held at Seba Beach. Carried.

Moved by W. E. Wilson and Mr. Golby that a resolution committee be set-up, to meet before the next District No. 5 Convention, also a cut-off date for locals to send in their resolutions. It was further suggested that resolutions be in the hands of the District Secretary one week before convention date. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Washburn and Ed. Kuhl that committee choose their own day. Carried.

Nomination for resolution committee:

W. E. Wilson: J. W. Millar, Mr. McEachren; Ed Kuhl; Mr. Dennington.

Nominations cease by Dr. Millar and Mr. Golby. Carried.

A vote of thanks to the ladies who so kindly made lunch and supper by Dr. Millar and E. Kuhl. Carried.

Resolution No. 18 re Mutual Aid agreement between A.F.U. and the Co-ops each to the other, moved by Mr. Golby and Mr. Stevenson. Carried.

The rest of the Convention was given over to the C.C.I.L. speaker Mr. Cocksworth.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Golby and Mrs. Geddes. Carried.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1945-46 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th 1945

Director to Central Board: C. D. Fuhr, Stony Plain, Alberta.

President: Geo. Bevington, Winterburn, Alberta.

Vice-President: Chas. Seeley, Cherhill, Alberta.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. J. Geddes, Winterburn, Alberta, Phone 972-3912.

#### SUB-DIRECTORS:

Sub-Dist. 1 O. Schatzke, Stony Plain, Alta.

" " 2 J. W. Elliott, Alcomdale, Alta.

" " 3 Chas. Seeley, Cherhill, Alta.

" " 4 T. S. Hertel, Tomahawk, Alta.

" " 5 M. Mazeppa, Evansburg, Alta.



## CONVENTION REPORT DISTRICT No. 1, A.F.U.

The Fourth Annual Convention of District No. 1, A.F.U. held at Fairview on July 30th, was well attended in spite of the general rain over the north country.

74 delegates registered and visitors brought the number in attendance to well over the hundred. Chairmen — Mr. Walter Muller, Mr. MacArthur.

Officers elected were:

District Director — Lewis Hawkes, Dimsdale;

President — J. J. A. Pratt, Royce.

Vice-President — Angus MacDonald, Spirit River.

### SUB-DIRECTORS —

Sub-Dist. No. 1, — J. Hawthorne, Albright.

Sub-Dist. No. 2, — M. D. Kehr, Grande Prairie.

Sub-Dist. No. 3, — M. Deiderich, Glen Leslie.

Sub-Dist. No. 4, — G. D. Shoftner, Northmark.

Sub-Dist. No. 5, — J. J. A. Pratt, Royce.

Secretary — Vera Franks, Goodwin, Alta.

Numerous resolutions pertaining to farm problems and Union administration in general were dealt with throughout the day giving rise to some very lively discussions concerning methods of collecting membership dues, changing of district boundaries, and the question of wheat grading on basis of protein content, as suggested by Mr. Macdonald, Peace River member of the Board of Grain Standards, who was guest speaker during the early evening.

Mr. Macdonald warned of the movement afoot to prohibit the growing of wheat in the northern areas, based on the assumption that wheat grown here was too low in protein to meet milling standards.

Mr. MacDonald asserted that a large percentage of northern grown wheat tested high enough to meet milling requirements and he asked the support of the A.F.U. in his efforts to have wheat graded on protein basis.

In response to his request a resolution was carried requesting

### RESOLUTION RE-WHEAT GRADING — PROTEIN BASIS

THAT the A.F.U. support Mr. MacDonald 100% in his efforts to have wheat graded on a protein basis. — CARRIED.

RESOLUTION — sponsored by — Goodwin Local No. 271.

RE-Repairing of sideroads.

WHEREAS sideroads in the area immediately east of the Big Smokey River are impassible due to broken culverts or lack of culverts in many places.

THEREFORE be it resolved that we request the Provincial Government to take immediate action in repairing these roads. — CARRIED.

### RESOLUTION RE-INSURANCE

Spirit River Local, No. 194.

BE IT RESOLVED that we request the Provincial Government to install compulsory Accident and Liability Insurance on both cars and trucks. — CARRIED.

RESOLUTION — Re Amalgamation, Saskatoon Lake Local, No. 270. — TABLED.

RESOLUTION — Re Junior Locals, Saskatoon Lake Local, No. 270:

RESOLVED to organize Junior Locals. — LOST.

### DISTRICT BOARD RESOLUTIONS

REQUESTING that all results of elections at Annual Provincial A.F.U. Conventions be revealed. — CARRIED.

RESOLUTION — Re-Sponsoring a Candidate at Annual Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED that we nominate a candidate to be sponsored at the Annual Convention and further that District No. 2 be contacted regarding their support of the candidate. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION — Re-Constitutional Amendment, from the floor.

BE IT RESOLVED that we instruct our Executive to amend the Constitution to have the membership year end on October 31st, with two months grace. — CARRIED.

RESOLUTION — Re-T.B. Inspection, sponsored by Local No. 286.

DECLARING in favor of making inspection of cattle for T.B. compulsory. — CARRIED.

RESOLUTION — Re-Changing of District Boundaries.

RESOLVED that this District No. 1, remain as it is. — CARRIED.

RESOLUTION — Re-Grain Exchange.

DECLARING in favor of permanent abolition of the Grain Exchange. Sponsored by Local, No. 286. — CARRIED.

RESOLUTION — Re-Strike Action, Local No. 286.

DECLARING in favor of taking Strike action if necessary. — CARRIED.

It was voted to have the next Annual District Convention at Rycroft.

Mr. Henry Young, 2nd Vice-President on the Provincial Executive Board was in attendance at the Convention and addressed a public meeting in the evening, which was very well attended.

Other resolutions which were carried requested:

More sugar for the farmers.

Collection of membership dues through Municipalities and Local Improvement Districts.

Formaton of groups for Farm Radio Forum Programs.

Action to maintain floor prices for farm produce.

To maintain the present basis of representation to the Annual Convention.

For Dominion Government to have grain cleaner installed in all elevators.

For Peace River area to come under P.F.R. A. for assistance in digging dug-outs.

Vera Franks, Secretary Dist. No. 1.

Bow Island, Alberta,  
Sept. 21st., 1945.

### INTERESTING NEWS FROM BOW ISLAND

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a resolution that our local made up at our last meeting. We have sent copies of this resolution to our Senators and Members of Parliament in Ottawa and also to our M.L.A's and several Ministers in our present Provincial Government. Resolution as follows: —

WHEREAS the whole area between Lethbridge and Medicine Hat in the Province of Alberta has again suffered severely from drought, and

WHEREAS those who must practice farming under dry land conditions have no crops yet those

in the same general area who practice farming under irrigation are prosperous and happy, and

WHEREAS an extension of irrigation to every district not now under the ditch is the only fair and rational method for the benefit of all farmers in the area in particular and the country as a whole.

THEREFORE this meeting of the Bow Island Local No. 397 of the Alberta Farmers' Union urge upon the Authorities at Ottawa the most urgent necessity of the Contruction of the Milk River—St. Mary's Irrigation Project immediately.

### ANOTHER ITEM OF NEWS

The Community Hall in our district was badly damaged by fire this summer and is still condemned, because labor cannot be found to repair it. A complete new roof is requiired.

Our Local A.F.U. agreed at our last meeting to endeavor to sponsor a "labor Bee" and repair this hall under the guidance of an expert carpenter. This hall is needed as it is the centre of the entire community social life and also our Local A.F.U meeting centre.

Yours very truly,

N. A. ANCION, Sec.-Treasurer.

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